UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

ARK LABORATORY, LLC,		Case No. 23-43403-mlo
		Chapter 11
Debtor.		Hon, Maria L. Oxholm
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DEBTOR'S EXHIBIT REGARDING PROPOSED REVISED BIDDING PROCEDURES ORDER, BID PROCEDURES AND SALE ORDER

Debtor states,

In the Matter of

- 1. To attempt to address informal objections to the above-referenced documents, redlines and clean copies of the proposed Bidding Procedures Order, Bid Procedures, and Sale Order are attached.
 - 2. The proposed revisions:
 - a. delete any references to Debtor assuming and assigning executory contracts and unexpired leases and allows Debtor to file a further motion(s) for assumption, assignment and/or rejection.
 - b. clarify that Debtor would be publishing the sale notice in a form
 substantially similar to Exhibit D attached to the Sale Motion [the Sale
 Notice] at least once digitally in Crain's and at least once in the Detroit
 News physical paper

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER (1) APPROVING BIDDING PROCEDURES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE DEBTORS' ASSETS AND THE ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF **EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES**; (2) FORM OF ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AND (3) SCHEDULING A SALE HEARING; AND GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon preliminary consideration of the motion (the "Sale Motion") of Ark Laboratory, LLC, debtor-in-possession in this chapter 11 case (the "Debtor"), for the entry of an order authorizing and approving (i) bidding procedures, attached to the Sale Motion as **Exhibit C**, form of asset purchase agreement, and certain other matters relating to the Debtor's intended sale of substantially all of its assets (the "Property") as more fully defined in the Asset Purchase Agreement dated June 2, 2023 (the "Agreement") between the Debtor and Auxo Investment Partners, LLC ("Auxo"), which is attached to the Sale Motion as **Exhibit A**; and (ii) the sale (the "Sale") of the Property free and clear of liens, claims, interests and encumbrances; and (iii) the assumption and assignment of executory contracts and unexpired leases; this Court having determined that granting

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the preliminary relief requested in the Sale Motion, as it pertains to the preliminary relief approved in this Order, is in the best interests of the Debtors, the estate and the Debtors' creditors; that proper and adequate notice of the Sale Motion has been given and that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 27 U.S.C. §§1334 and 157; a hearing having been held, the Court having reviewed the Motion and the Court having found that (i) the Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (ii) venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; (iii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(6); (iv) notice of the Motion was sufficient under the

circumstances; and after due deliberation the Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate and its creditors; and good and sufficient cause having been shown;

AND THE COURT FURTHER FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT:

A. The Debtor's proposed notice of the Bidding Procedures, the Notice of Assumption and Assignment, the Auction and the hearing to approve any sale of the Debtor's Property (the "Sale Hearing") is appropriate and

reasonably calculated to provide all interested parties with timely and proper notice, and no other or further notice is required.

- B. The Bidding Procedures substantially in the form attached to the Sale Motion as **Exhibit C** are fair, reasonable, and appropriate and are designed to maximize the recovery from the Sale of the Debtor's Property.
- C. The findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9014.
- D. To the extent any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED in all respects.
- 2. The Bidding Procedures attached to the Motion as **Exhibit C** are APPROVED.
- 3. The Bid Deadline shall be **July 28, 2023**, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

- 4. The Debtor, in conjunction with the Creditors' Committee, shall have the exclusive right to determine whether a bid is a Qualified Bid and shall notify bidders whether their bids have been recognized as such prior to the Auction.¹
- 5. The Auction, if necessary, shall be held on **July 31, 2023**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), at the offices of Miller Johnson, 500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 2800, Detroit MI 48226, or such later time or other place as the Debtor shall notify all Qualified Bidders who have submitted Qualified Bids, or at such other later date, time and place as may be designated in writing by the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, and served on Qualified Bidders via electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or overnight mail delivery.
- 6. The Sale Approval Hearing shall be held on **August 3, 2023** at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) before this Court, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, in the courtroom of the Honorable Maria L Oxholm, 18th Floor, 211 W. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. Anyone having an objection to the Sale or to the entry of an order approving the

¹ All rights granted in favor of the Debtor in these Bidding Procedures shall be exercised in accordance with its fiduciary obligations.

Successful Bid must be present if the hearing is an in-person hearing. The deadline for any party to file an objection to the Sale or assumption of contracts is July 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

- 7. The Sale Approval Hearing may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice to creditors or parties-in-interest other than by announcement of the adjournment in open court on the date scheduled for the Sale Approval Hearing, and the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, shall have the exclusive right, in the exercise of its fiduciary obligations and business judgment, to cancel the Sale at any time.
- 8. The Buyer (as defined in the Agreement) is approved as the "stalking horse" bidder for the purchase of the Property, including the assumption and assignment of certain executory contracts and unexpired leases described in the Agreement. The Buyer's bid for the Assets set forth in the Agreement, plus the minimum overbid increment of \$200,000 shall be the floor bid against which any and all other bids shall be considered by the Debtor.
- 9. The following forms of notice areis approved: (a) Notice of Sale Procedures, Auction Date, and Sale Approval Hearing, in the form substantially similar to that attached to the Motion as **Exhibit D** (the "Procedures Notice"). and (b) Notice of Intent to Assume and Assign

<u>Assignment Notice</u>"), in the form substantially similar to that attached to the Motion as **Exhibit E**.

- 10. The Debtors will serve a copy of the Procedures Notice, together with this Bidding Procedures Order, on the following parties: (a) the U.S. Trustee, (b) counsel for Creditors' Committee, (c) any parties requesting notices in this Case, (d) all creditors or their counsel known to the Debtor to have asserted a lien (including a security interest), claim, right, interest or encumbrance of record against all or any portion of the Assets, (e) all parties who have expressed an interest in purchasing the Assets (the "Potential Bidders"), and (f) the Matrix (collectively, the "Notice Parties"). Receipt of such Notice of Sale shall constitute notice of the Auction and the Sale Hearing for all purposes.
- 11. The Debtor shall serve, or cause to be served, the Procedures Notice within one (1) business day following entry of this Order, by first-class U.S. mail, overnight mail delivery, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or the Court's ECF notice system.
- 12. The Debtor will serve the Motion and the Assumption and Assignment Notice upon each counterparty to executory contracts, leases and the Limited Franchise Agreement, and their counsel (if known). The

Assumption and Assignment Notice will state the date, time and place of the Sale Approval Hearing as well as the date by which any objection to the proposed assumption and assignment must be filed and served.

13. If any counterparty objects for any reason to the assumption and assignment an executory contract or unexpired lease proposed to be assumed and assigned, the counterparty must file the objection by no later than (i) 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on July 27, 2023 or (ii) such date and time agreed upon between the Debtor and such counterparty.

1214. Debtor shall publish notice of the sale at least once digitally in Crain's and at least once in the print edition of the Detroit News in a form substantially similar to Exhibit D.

- 13. Debtor may file a further motion(s) to assume, assign, and/or reject certain executory contracts and unexpired leases.
- 14. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all matters arising from or related to the interpretation and implementation of this Order. This Order shall be effective immediately upon its entry, and the 10-day stay provided by F.R.Bankr.P. 6004(g) and 6006(d) is waived.

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ORDER: (I) AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS PURSUANT TO § 363 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, INTERESTS AND ENCUMBRANCES; (II) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TERMS OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREIN-INCLUDING THE ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES; AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Ark Laboratory, LLC. (the "Debtor"), having filed on June 23, 2023 its MOTION TO APPROVE (1) BIDDING PROCEDURES AND FORM OF ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO SALE OF SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS; AND (2) THE SALE OF SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS, CLAIMS, AND ENCUMBRANCES PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(A) AND 363; ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF UNEXPIRED LEASES AND EXECUTORY CONTRACT PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 365; AND RELATED RELIEF (the "Sale Motion")¹, seeking,

pursuant to §§ 105(a), 363, and 365 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002, 6004, 9007, and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), authorization to sell substantially all its operating assets and assign certain and unexpired leases executory contracts (the "Transaction" "Transactions"); and this Court having entered on June , 2023, its ORDER (1) APPROVING BIDDING PROCEDURES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS; (2) FORM OF ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AND (3) SCHEDULING A SALE HEARING (the "Bidding Procedures Order") approving, among other things, the Bidding Procedures with respect to, and notice of, the Transaction: and the Auction having been conducted in all material respects in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order on July 31, 2023; and Debtor, having determined that Purchaser has submitted the highest or otherwise best bid for the Purchased Assets and has been designated as the Successful Bidder pursuant to the Bidding Procedures

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¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Asset Purchase Agreement (the "<u>Agreement</u>") by and between the Debtor and Auxo Investment, LLC, (the "<u>Purchaser</u>"), dated as of June 22, 2023 (a copy of which was attached as <u>Exhibit A to the Sale Motion</u>), the Sale Motion, or the Bidding Procedures Order, as the case may be, in that order of priority, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Order; and a hearing having been held on August 3, 2023 (the "Sale" Hearing") to consider approval of the sale of the Purchased Assets to Purchaser (as well as the assumption by Purchaser of the Assigned Contracts and Assumed Liabilities) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and adequate and sufficient notice of the Bidding Procedures, the Agreement, and the Transaction having been given to parties in interest in this case; and such parties having been afforded an opportunity to be heard with respect to the Sale Motion and all relief requested therein; and the Court having reviewed and considered: (i) the Sale Motion; (ii) the objections to the Sale Motion; and (iii) the arguments of counsel made, and the evidence proffered or adduced, at the Sale Hearing, after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, and it appearing that the relief requested in the Sale Motion, insofar as it pertains to this Order, is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, its creditors, and other parties in interest; and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

IT HEREBY IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:2

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² Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact when appropriate. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052.

- A. This Court has jurisdiction over the Sale Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and this matter is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A), (N), and (O). Venue of this case and the Sale Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- B. The statutory bases for the relief sought in the Sale Motion are §§ 105(a), 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, together with Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 9007, and 9014.
- C. This Order constitutes a final order within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 158(a). Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d), and to any extent necessary under Bankruptcy Rule 9014 and Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as made applicable by Bankruptcy Rule 7054, the Court expressly finds that there is no just reason for delay in the implementation of this Order, and expressly directs entry of judgment as set forth herein.
- D. As evidenced by the proofs of service on file with this Court, due, proper, timely, adequate, and sufficient notice and a reasonable opportunity to object or be heard with respect to the Sale Motion and the relief requested therein, the Sale Hearing, the Transaction, and the Auction, have been provided in accordance with §§ 102(1), 105(a), 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 9007,

and 9014, and in compliance with the Bidding Procedures and the Purchase Agreement, to interested persons and entities, including, but not limited to: (1) the Office of the United States Trustee; (2) Purchaser and its counsel; (3) the Creditors' Committee and its counsel; (4) all entities, known to Debtor that assert any Liens against or other interests in the Purchased Assets (or any portion thereof); (5) all parties known to the Debtor who expressed in writing to Debtor an interest in purchasing all or a portion of the Purchased Assets; (6) all non-Debtor parties to any Purchased Contracts; (7) all relevant taxing and regulatory authorities; and (8) all entities required to receive notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002, including, without limitation, those entities that have filed a notice of appearance and request for service of papers in these cases.

E. Such notice with respect to the Sale Motion and the relief requested therein, the Sale Hearing, the Transaction, and the Auction was (i) reasonably calculated to provide all interested parties with timely and proper notice of the Sale, Sale Hearing and Auction, and (ii) good, sufficient, and appropriate under the circumstances. Accordingly, no other or further notice of the Sale Motion, the Sale Hearing, the Transaction, the Bidding Procedures, the Sale Notice, or the Auction is or shall be required.

- F. As demonstrated by the testimony and other evidence, if any, proffered or adduced at the Sale Hearing, the Debtor has conducted the sale process in compliance, in all material respects, with the Bidding Procedures Order.
- G. No consents or approvals are required for the Debtor to consummate the Transaction other than the consent and approval of this Court and those set forth in the Agreement. Neither the execution of the Agreement nor the consummation of the Transaction in accordance with its terms will constitute a violation of any provision of the Debtor's organizational documents or any other instrument, law, regulation, or ordinance by which the Debtor is bound.
- H. The bidding and related procedures established by the Bidding Procedures Order have been complied with in all material respects by the Debtor and Purchaser. The Debtor received a Qualifying Bid from Auxo Investment Partners, LLC, an Auction for the Purchased Assets was held in material compliance with the Bid Procedures Order, and Debtor has selected Purchaser as the Successful Bidder.
- I. The Debtor is the legal and equitable owner of the Purchased Assets and, upon entry of this Sale Order, the Debtor shall have full authority to consummate the Transaction contemplated by the Agreement.

The Agreement and the Transaction have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action, as the case may be, of the Debtor.

- Approval of the Agreement and consummation of the J. Transaction is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, creditors, and other parties in interest, and the Debtor has demonstrated (i) good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification, (ii) compelling circumstances for the Sale pursuant to § 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code prior to, in contemplation of, and outside of, a plan of reorganization in that, among other things, the immediate consummation of the sale to the Purchaser is necessary and appropriate to maximize the value of the Debtor's estate, and (iii) the sale will provide the means for the Debtor to maximize distributions to creditors. To maximize the value of the Purchased Assets, it is essential that the Transaction occur within the time constraints set forth in the Agreement. Time is of the essence in consummating the Transaction.
- K. The Debtor, with the assistance of its professionals, diligently and in good faith marketed the Purchased Assets to secure the highest and best offer therefor by, among other things, making its books and records and the Purchased Assets available to potential buyers for due diligence and providing potential buyers with access to management. In addition, the

Debtor served the Bidding Procedures Order, the Sale Motion, and the Agreement on each of the entities that had previously expressed an interest in some or all of the Purchased Assets and published notice of the sale in the Detroit News and Crain's Detroit.

- L. The procedures set forth in the Bidding Procedures Order, including the Auction, were designed to and achieved a fair and reasonable purchase price constituting the highest and best offer obtainable for the Purchased Assets.
- M. A sale of the Purchased Assets at this time pursuant to § 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code will preserve the existing value of the Purchased Assets and maximize the Debtor's estate for the benefit of all constituencies.
- N. The Agreement between the Debtor and the Purchaser was negotiated, proposed and entered into by the Debtor and the Purchaser in good faith and from arm's-length bargaining positions and without collusion, fraud, or unfair advantage.
- O. At the Sale Hearing on August 3, 2023, no evidence was presented that either the Debtor or the Purchaser engaged in any conduct that would cause or permit the Purchase Agreement to be avoided under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code. Specifically, no evidence was

presented that the Purchaser acted in a collusive manner with any person and no evidence was presented that the aggregate price paid by the Purchaser for the Purchased Assets was controlled by any agreement among the bidders.

Ρ. The Successful Bidder is purchasing the Purchased Assets in good faith and is a good faith purchaser for value within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and is therefore entitled to all of the protections afforded by that provision, and otherwise has proceeded in good faith in all respects in connection with this proceeding in that, interalia: (a) the Purchaser recognized that the Debtor was free to deal with any other party interested in acquiring the Purchased Assets; (b) the Purchaser complied with the provisions in the Bid Procedures Order; (c) the Purchaser agreed to subject its bid to the competitive bidding procedures set forth in the Bid Procedures Order; (d) the Purchaser in no way induced or caused the chapter 11 filing by the Debtor; (e) the negotiation and execution of the Agreement was at arm's-length and in good faith, and at all times each of the Purchaser and the Debtor were represented by competent counsel of their choosing, (f) the Purchaser has not acted in a collusive manner with any person, and (g) all payments to be made by the Purchaser in connection with the sale have been disclosed. The Purchaser will be

acting in good faith within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code in closing the-Transactions contemplated by the Agreement.

- Q. The consideration to be provided by Purchaser, in this case being a credit bid of the Purchaser's indebtedness owed by the Debtor to it, pursuant to the Agreement: (i) is valid, due and outstanding by the Debtor to the Purchaser, (ii) is fair and reasonable; (iii) is the highest or otherwise best offer for the Purchased Assets; (iv) will provide a greater recovery for the Debtor's creditors than would be provided by any other practical available alternative; and (v) constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code. No other person or entity or group of entities has offered to purchase the Purchased Assets for greater economic value to the Debtor's estate.
- R. The Agreement was not entered into for the purpose of hindering, delaying, or defrauding creditors under the Bankruptcy Code.
- S. The Purchaser is not a mere continuation of the Debtor or its estate and there is no continuity of enterprise between the Purchaser and the Debtor. The Purchaser is not holding itself out to the public as a continuation of the Debtor. The Purchaser is not a successor to the Debtor or its estate and the Transaction does not amount to a consolidation, merger or de facto merger of the Purchaser and the Debtor.

Т. Subject to the terms of this Order, the transfer of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser will be a legal, valid, and effective transfer of the Purchased Assets, and, except as expressly provided in the Purchase Agreement, will vest the Purchaser with all right, title, and interest of the Debtor to the Purchased Assets free and clear of all: (i) Liens; (ii) all debts arising under, relating to, or in connection with any act of the Debtor or claims (as that term is defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code), liabilities, obligations, demands, guaranties, options, rights, contractual commitments, restrictions, interests and matters of any kind and nature, whether arising prior to or subsequent to the commencement of these cases, and whether imposed by agreement, understanding, law, equity or otherwise (collectively, "Claims"); (iii) encumbrances and (iv) interests of any kind, including, without limitation, the following: (A) interests that purport to give to any party or entity a right or option to effect any forfeiture, modification, right of first refusal, or termination of the Debtor's or the Purchaser's interest in the Purchased Assets, or any similar rights; (B) interests relating to taxes arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the operation of the Business prior to the Closing Date; and (C) interests relating to Liens, claims, and encumbrances on the Purchased Assets or against the Debtor (collectively (ii)-(iv) from time to

time herein "Interests"); provided, however, that all such Interests shall attach to the proceeds of the Sale, in order of priority as set forth under applicable law unless modified by this Order.

- U. The Purchaser would not have entered into the Agreement and would not consummate the transactions contemplated thereby, thus adversely affecting the Debtor, its estate, and its creditors, if the sale of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser and the assignment of the Purchased Contracts to the Purchaser waswere not free and clear of all Liens and Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever, or if the Purchaser would, or in the future could, be liable for any of the Liens or Interests not expressly assumed by the Purchaser.
- V. Subject to the provisions of this Order, the Debtor may sell the Purchased Assets free and clear of all Liens and other Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever because, in each case, one or more of the standards set forth in §§ 363(f)(1) through (5) of the Bankruptcy Code has been satisfied. Those (i) holders of Interests and (ii) non-debtor parties to Purchased Contracts who did not object, or who withdrew their objections, to the Sale or the Sale Motion are deemed to have consented pursuant to § 363(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Those (i) holders of Interests and (ii) non-debtor parties to Purchased Contracts who did object fall within one

or more of the other subsections of § 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code and are adequately protected by having their Interests, if any, attach to the proceeds of the Sale attributable to the property against or in which they claim Interests.

W. Under §363 of the Bankruptcy Code, unless otherwise expressly included in Permitted Encumbrances under the Purchase Agreement, the Purchaser shall not be responsible for any Liens or Interests, including in respect of the following: (1) any labor or employment agreements; (2) all mortgages, deeds of trust and security interests; (3) intercompany loans and receivables between the Debtor and any non-Debtor affiliate, (4) any pension, welfare, compensation or other employee benefit plans, agreements, practices and programs, including, without limitation, any pension plan of the Debtor; (5) any other employee, worker's compensation, occupational disease or unemployment or temporary disability related claim, including, without limitation, claims that might otherwise arise under or pursuant to (a) the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, (b) the Fair Labor Standards Act, (c) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (d) the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (e) the National Labor Relations Act, (f) the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act of 1988, (g) the Age Discrimination and Employee Act of

1967 and Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended, (h) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, (i) the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, (j) state discrimination laws, (k) state unemployment compensation laws or any other similar state laws, or (I) any other state or federal benefits or claims relating to any employment with the Debtor or any of their respective predecessors; (6) Claims or Interests arising under any Environmental Laws with respect to any assets owned or operated by Debtor or any corporate predecessor at any time prior to the Closing Date; (7) any liabilities of the Debtor other than the Assumed Liabilities; (8) as defined in the Agreement, the "Excluded Liabilities"; (9) any bulk sales or similar law; (10) any tax statutes or ordinances, including, without limitation, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and (11) any theories of successor liability.

X. Under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f), the (i) transfer of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser and (ii) assumption and assignment to the Purchaser of the Assigned Contracts will not deem the Purchaser to be a "successor," or subject the Purchaser to any liability whatsoever with respect to, or on account of, the operation of the Business prior to the Closing Date or by reason of such transfer under any applicable laws, whether based, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, on any theory of

law or equity, including, without limitation, any theory of equitable law, any theory of implied assumption of any liabilities other than the Assumed Liabilities, any theory of constructive consolidation or merger of the Purchaser and the Debtor, any theory that Purchaser's acquisition is a mere continuation or reincarnation of the Debtor's business, any theory that the Transaction is fraudulent or lacks good faith, or any other theory of antitrust, vicarious, successor, or transferee liability.

- Y. The Debtor has demonstrated that it is an exercise of its sound business judgment to enter into the Transaction, and consummate the Sale, and assume and assign the Assigned Contracts to the Purchaser in connection with the consummation of the Sale, and the assumption and assignment of the Purchased Contracts is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, and its creditors. The Assigned Contracts being assumed and assigned to the Purchaser are an integral part of the assets being purchased by the Purchaser and, accordingly, such assumption and assignment of the Assigned Contracts are reasonable, enhance the value of the Debtor's estate, and do not constitute unfair discrimination.
- Z. The consummation of the Transaction (the "Closing") pursuant to the Agreement and the terms of this Order will be a legal, valid, and effective transfer of the Purchased Assets to Purchaser, and will vest

Purchaser with all right, title, and interest in and to the Purchased Assetsand the Assigned Contracts, free and clear of all Liens and Interests, other than Permitted Encumbrances (as such term is defined in the Purchase Agreement) in accordance with § 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.

AA. The Agreement is a valid and binding contract between the Debtor and Purchaser, which is and shall be enforceable according to its terms.

BB. All of the provisions of the Agreement are non-severable and mutually dependent.

CC: omittedNotice of the Sale Motion has been provided to each non-debtor party to an Assigned Contract, together with a statement from the Debtor with respect to the amount, if any, to be paid by the Purchaser to such non-debtor party to cure any defaults under, and to otherwise comply with the requirements of § 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Assigned Contract to which such non-debtor is party (the "Cure Amounts"). As to each Assigned Contract, payment of the Cure Amount by the Purchaser as determined in accordance with the procedures provided in the Bidding Procedures Order will be sufficient for the Debtor to comply fully with the requirements of § 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

DD. Purchaser has provided adequate assurance of its ability to perform its obligations under each of the Assigned Contracts within the meaning of § 365(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Sale Motion is **GRANTED** on the basis set forth herein (other than with respect to matters already addressed by the Bidding Procedures Order).
- 2. Any objections to the entry of this Sale Order or the relief granted herein and requested in the Sale Motion that have not been withdrawn, waived or settled, and all reservations of rights included therein, hereby are **DENIED and OVERRULED**.

Approval Of The Agreement, Transaction And Ancillary Agreements

- 3. The Agreement and all other ancillary documents, and all of the terms and conditions thereof, are hereby approved.
- 4. Pursuant to sections 363(b) and (f) of the Bankruptcy Code and subject to the terms of this Order, the Debtor is authorized and empowered to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to (i) consummate the Sale of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, (ii) close the Sale as contemplated in the Agreement and this

Order, and (iii) execute and deliver, perform under, consummate, implement, and close fully the Agreement, including the assumption and assignment to the Purchaser of the Assumed Contracts, together with all additional instruments and documents that may be reasonably necessary to implement the Agreement and the Sale. The Purchaser shall not be required to seek or to obtain relief from the automatic stay under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to enforce any of its remedies under the Purchase Agreement or any other Sale related document. The automatic stay imposed by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code is modified solely to the extent necessary to implement the preceding sentence and the other provisions of this Order.

5. This Order shall be binding in all respects upon the Debtor, its estate, all creditors of, and holders of equity interests in, the Debtor, any holders of Liens or Interests in, against or on all or any portion of the Purchased Assets (whether known or unknown), the Purchaser and all successors and assigns of the Purchaser, the Purchased Assets and any trustee, if any, subsequently appointed in the Debtor's chapter 11 case or upon a conversion to chapter 7 under the Bankruptcy Code of the Debtor's case, and all parties in interest and those otherwise bound by applicable law. This Order and the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of

the Debtor, its estate, creditors, the Purchaser and the respective successors and assigns of each of the foregoing.

Upon the Closing, pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is authorized to transfer the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser and such transfer shall constitute a legal, valid, binding, and effective transfer of such Purchased Assets and shall vest Purchaser with title to the Purchased Assets and, upon the Debtor's receipt of the Purchase Price, other than Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities, shall be free and clear of all Liens or Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to, successor or successor-in-interest liability and Claims and Interests in respect of the Purchased Assets, with all such Liens or Interests to attach to the cash proceeds ultimately attributable to the property against or in which such Liens or Interests are asserted, subject to the terms thereof, with the same validity, force and effect, and in the same order of priority, which such Liens or Interests now have against the Purchased Assets, subject to any rights, claims and defenses the Debtor or its estate, as applicable, may possess with respect thereto. Upon the Closing, the Purchaser shall take title to and possession of the Purchased Assets subject only to the Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities.

- Assumed Liabilities, all persons and entities that are in possession of some or all of the Purchased Assets on the Closing Date are directed to surrender possession of such Purchased Assets to the Purchaser or its assignee at the Closing. Upon Closing or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the terms of this Order, each of the Debtor's creditors is authorized and directed, and the Purchaser is hereby authorized, on behalf of each of the Debtor's creditors, to execute such documents and take all other actions as may be reasonably necessary to release such creditor's Liens or Interests in the Purchased Assets, if any, as such Liens or Interests may have been recorded or may otherwise exist.
- 8. The Debtor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to consummate the Agreement, including any actions that otherwise would require further approval by its members or its board of directors without the need of obtaining such approvals.
- 9. Upon Closing, this Order shall be construed and shall constitute for any and all purposes a full and complete general assignment, conveyance and transfer of the Debtor's interests in the Purchased Assets or a bill (or bills) of sale transferring good and marketable title in such Purchased Assets to the Purchaser. Upon Closing, this Order also shall be

construed as, and constitute for any and all purposes, a complete and general assignment of all right, title, and interest of the Debtor and its bankruptcy estate to the Purchaser in the Purchased Assets. Each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency or department is hereby directed to accept any and all documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement.

- 10. A certified copy of this Order may be filed with the appropriate clerk and/or recorded with the recorder, which, once filed, registered, or otherwise recorded, shall constitute conclusive evidence of the release of all obligations, and the cancellation of any liens and other encumbrances of any kind whatsoever except those assumed as Assumed Liabilities or Permitted Encumbrances.
- 11. If any person or entity which has filed statements or other documents or agreements evidencing Liens on, or interests in, all or any portion of the Purchased Assets (other than statements or documents with respect to Permitted Encumbrances) shall not have delivered to the Debtor prior to the Closing, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, releases of liens and easements, and any other documents necessary for

the purpose of documenting the release of all liens or interests which the person or entity has or may assert with respect to all or any portion of the Purchased Assets, the Purchaser is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Debtor and each of the Debtor's creditors, to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases and other documents on behalf of such person or entity with respect to the Purchased Assets.

This Order is and shall be effective as a determination 12. that, upon Closing, all Liens or Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever existing as to the Purchased Assets prior to the Closing Date, other than Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities, shall have been unconditionally released, discharged and terminated, and that the conveyances described herein have been effected. This Order is and shall be binding upon and govern the acts of all persons and entities, including, without limitation, all filing agents, filing officers, title agents, title companies, recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal, state and local officials, and all other persons and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to any lease; and each of the foregoing persons and entities is hereby directed to accept for filing any and all of the documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement..

Distribution of Sale Proceeds

Upon Closing, any cash sale proceeds, plus the carve out 13. (the "Carve Out") consisting of (a) all fees required to be paid to the Clerk of the Court and to the U.S. Trustee pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a) calculated at \$111,000 based on the valuation of the Debtor's assets in Schedule A/B, and (b) amounts due to the Debtor's Professionals and the Committee's Professionals under the Stipulated Final Order Authorizing Use of Cash Collateral and Granting Adequate Protection (the "Final Cash" Collateral Order") [Doc. No. 144], shall be remitted directly to the Debtor, as follows: (i) the Carve Out will be transferred to and held in the DIP Professionals Account as defined under the Final Cash Collateral Order; and (ii) the balance will be transferred to and held in a segregated DIP account for which Debtor's financial advisor, Russell Long of O'Keefe & Associates, will be made an additional signatory (the "DIP Sale Proceeds" Account"). All distributions and withdrawals from the DIP Sale Proceeds Account will require 2 signatures.

Assumption And Assignment Of Assigned Contracts

- 14. The Purchaser shall be responsible for curing all allowed pre-petition monetary and non-monetary defaults relating to the Assigned Contracts. Pursuant to Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is authorized to assume the Assigned Contracts designated in the Agreement, cure the same (in the Cure Amounts set forth in the notice relating to such contracts or by further order of the Court) and assign the same to Purchaser.
- 15. The Assigned Contracts, consistent with the provisions contained herein, shall be transferred to, and remain in full force and effect for the benefit of, Purchaser in accordance with their respective terms, notwithstanding any provision in any such Assigned Contract (including those of the type described in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code) that prohibits, restricts, or conditions such assignment or transfer and, pursuant to section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor shall be relieved from any further liability with respect to the Assigned Contracts after such assignment to and assumption by the Purchaser.
- 16. All defaults or other obligations of the Debtor under the
 Assigned Contracts arising or accruing prior to the Closing Date (without
 giving effect to any acceleration clauses or any default provisions of the

kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code) shall be deemed cured, subject to the satisfaction of the provisions of Paragraph 14 (relating to payment by the Purchaser of the applicable Cure Amounts), above, and Purchaser shall have no liability or obligation arising or accruing under the Assigned Contracts prior to the Closing Date, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Agreement.

- 17. Under §365 of the Bankruptcy Code, provided that the Purchaser pays the applicable Cure Amount, each nondebtor party to an Assigned Contract hereby is forever barred from asserting against Purchaser or the Purchased Assets, any default existing as of the Closing Date or any counterclaim, defense, setoff, or any other claim asserted or assertable against the Debtor as of the Closing Date.
- 18. The failure of the Debtor or Purchaser to enforce at any time one or more terms or conditions of any Assigned Contract shall not be a waiver of such terms or conditions, or of the Debtor's and Purchaser's rights to enforce every term and condition of the Assigned Contracts.

<u>Prohibition of Actions Against the Purchaser</u>

19. The Transaction has been, and is undertaken by the Debtor and Purchaser in good faith, as that term is used in § 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and, accordingly, the reversal or modification on appeal

of the authorization provided herein to consummate the Transaction shall not affect the validity of the sale of the Purchased Assets to Purchaser, unless such authorization is duly stayed pending such appeal. Purchaser is in all respects a good-faith purchaser of the Purchased Assets and is entitled to all of the benefits and protections afforded by § 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code..

Under § 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, except for the Permitted 20. Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities, or as otherwise expressly provided for in this Order or the Purchase Agreement, the Purchaser shall not have any liability or other obligation of the Debtor arising under or related to any of the Purchased Assets. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and subject to § 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Purchaser shall not be liable for any Claims or Interests against the Debtor or any of its predecessors or affiliates, other than the Assumed Liabilities, and the Purchaser shall have no successor or vicarious liabilities of any kind or character, including, but not limited to, under any theory of antitrust, environmental, successor or transferee liability, labor law, de facto merger, mere continuation, or substantial continuity, whether known or unknown as of the Closing Date, now existing or hereafter arising, whether fixed or contingent, whether asserted or unasserted, whether legal or equitable,

whether liquidated or unliquidated, including, but not limited to, liabilities on account of warranties, intercompany loans and receivables between the Debtor and any non-Debtor affiliate, liabilities relating to or arising from any Environmental Laws, and any taxes arising, accruing or payable under, out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the operation of any of the Purchased Assets prior to the Closing. Neither the purchase of the Purchased Assets by the Purchaser nor the fact that the Purchaser is using any of the Purchased Assets previously operated by the Debtor will cause the Purchaser to be deemed a successor in any respect to the Debtor's businesses or incur any liability derived therefrom within the meaning of any foreign, federal, state, or local revenue, pension, ERISA, tax, labor, employment, environmental, or other law, rule or regulation (including, without limitation, filing requirements under any such laws, rules or regulations), or under any products liability law or doctrine with respect to the Debtor's liability under such law, rule, or regulation or doctrine.

22. Under § 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, except with respect to Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities, all persons and entities, including, but not limited to, all debt security holders, equity security holders, unions, governmental, tax and regulatory authorities, lenders, trade creditors, litigation claimants and other creditors, holding Liens or

Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever against or in all or any portion of the Purchased Assets (whether legal or equitable, secured or unsecured, matured or unmatured, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, senior or subordinate), arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the Debtor, the Purchased Assets, the operation of the Debtor's business prior to the Closing Date or the transfer of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser, hereby are forever barred from asserting against the Purchaser, any of its affiliates, its successors or assigns, their property or the Purchased Assets, such persons' or entities' Liens or Interests in and to the Purchased Assets, including, without limitation, the following actions: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding against the Purchaser, any of its affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering in any manner any judgment, award, decree, or order against the Purchaser, any of its affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or other Claim against the Purchaser, any of its affiliates, its successors, assets, or properties; (iv) asserting any setoff, right of subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due the Purchaser, any of its affiliates or its successors; (v) commencing or continuing any action, in any manner or

place, that does not comply or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Order or other orders of the Court, or the agreements or actions contemplated or taken in respect thereof; (vi) revoking, terminating or failing or refusing to transfer or renew any license, permit or authorization to operate any of the Purchased Assets or conduct any of the businesses operated with the Purchased Assets or (vii) any action seeking to hold the Purchaser liable as a successor under any collective bargaining agreement of the Debtor. On the Closing Date, or as soon as possible thereafter, each creditor is authorized and directed, and the Purchaser is hereby authorized, on behalf of each of the Debtor's creditors, to execute such documents and take all other actions as may be necessary to release Liens or Interests in or on the Purchased Assets (except Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities), if any, as provided for herein, as such Liens may have been recorded or may otherwise exist.

23. Except to the extent expressly included in the Assumed Liabilities, or by applicable law or statue, the Purchaser and its affiliates shall have no liability, obligation or responsibility under the WARN Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 210 et seq.), CERCLA or any foreign, federal, state or local labor, employment or Environmental Law by virtue of the Purchaser's

purchase of the Purchased Assets or assumption of the Assumed Liabilities.

- 24. Under §363 of the Bankruptcy Code, all persons and entities are hereby forever barred from taking any action that would adversely affect or interfere with the ability of the Debtor to sell and transfer the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement and this Order.
- 25. Based on the evidence provided at the Sale Hearing on July , 2023, the Purchaser has given substantial consideration under the Agreement for the benefit of the Debtor, its estate, and creditors. Under §§363(f), (n), and (m) of the Bankruptcy Code, the consideration given by the Purchaser shall constitute valid and valuable consideration for the releases of any potential Claims and Liens pursuant to this Order, which releases shall be deemed to have been given in favor of the Purchaser by all holders of Liens against or interests in, or Claims against the Debtor or any of the Purchased Assets, other than holders of Liens or Claims relating to the Assumed Liabilities. Based on the evidence provided at the Sale Hearing on August 3, 2023, the Purchaser is a good faith purchaser of the Purchased Assets and the consideration provided by the Purchaser for the Purchased Assets under the Agreement is fair and reasonable.

- 26. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Order shall limit, modify, or in any way affect the Secretary (the "Secretary") of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' authority to regulate Debtor's or the Purchaser's enrollment or participation as a Medicare provider (to the extent the Purchaser enrolls or participates as a Medicare provider) or the right and authority of the Secretary, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") or its contractors to review, approve, deny, or pay Medicare claims in the ordinary course of business in accordance with the provisions of, and regulations, policies and procedures promulgated under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395–1395kkk (collectively, the "Medicare Program"). The United States takes no position with respect to, and nothing herein shall be construed as, the Secretary's consent to, or acceptance of, the Asset Purchase Agreement or any underlying transactions described in or supporting the [Asset Purchase Agreement].
- 27. For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order or the Asset Purchase Agreement, (i) Debtor shall not assume and assign or otherwise transfer any national provider identifier, provider transaction access number or Medicare enrollment agreement to the Purchaser; (ii) Debtor shall not loan or otherwise permit the Purchaser

to use or submit claims under Debtor's provider transaction access number or Medicare enrollment agreement except in accordance with the Medicare Program and with the approval of CMS; and (iii) nothing shall restrict or limit the United States' rights of setoff and recoupment.

Additional Provisions

- 28. This Court retains jurisdiction, subject to the terms of this Order, to:
 - (a) Interpret, implement, and enforce the terms and provisions of this Order and the terms of the Agreement, all amendments thereto, and any waivers and consents thereunder, and of each of the agreements executed in connection therewith to which the Debtor is a party or which has been assigned by the Debtor to Purchaser;
 - (b) Protect Purchaser or any of the Assigned Contracts or Purchased Assets against any of the Liens or Interests (other than the Permitted Encumbrances), as provided herein, with respect to the commencement or continuation of any action seeking to impose successor or other liability upon the Purchaser;

- (c) Enter orders in aid or furtherance of the Sale and the Transaction;
 - (d) Compel delivery of all Purchased Assets to Purchaser;
- (e) omitted Adjudicate any and all remaining issues concerning the Debtor's right and authority to assume and assign the Assigned Contracts and the rights and obligations of Purchaser with respect to such assignment and the existence of any default (including any Cure Amounts) under any such Assigned Contract;
- (f) Adjudicate all issues concerning any actual or alleged Liens or Interests in and to the Purchased Assets, including the extent, validity, enforceability, priority, and nature of all such actual or alleged Liens or Interests; and
- (g) Except as expressly provided for herein, adjudicate any and all issues and/or disputes relating to the Debtor and title or interest in the Purchased Assets and the proceeds of the Sale, the Sale Motion, and/or the Agreement.
- 29. The consideration provided by the Purchaser to the Debtor pursuant to the Agreement for the Purchased Assets constitutes

reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code.

- 30. There are no brokers involved in consummating the Sale and no brokers' commissions are due.
- 31. No bulk sales law or any similar law of any state or other jurisdiction applies in any way to the Sale.
- 32. The terms and provisions of the Agreement, the ancillary agreements, and this Sale Order shall be binding in all respects upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the Debtor and Purchaser and their respective affiliates, successors and assigns, and any affected third parties, notwithstanding any subsequent appointment of any trustee(s) under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code or conversion of this case to a case under chapter 7, as to which trustee(s) such terms and provisions likewise shall be binding. The Agreement and the Transaction may be specifically enforced against, and shall not be subject to rejection or avoidance by, the Debtor or any Chapter 7 or Chapter 11 trustee of the Debtor.
- 33. The Agreement and any related agreements, documents, or other instruments may be modified, amended, or supplemented by the parties thereto, in a writing signed by such parties, and in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of the Court, provided that any such

modification, amendment, or supplement does not have a material adverse effect on the Debtor or the Debtor's estate.

- 34. The failure specifically to include any particular provisions of the Agreement or the ancillary agreements in this Sale Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provisions, it being the intent of the Court that the Agreement and the ancillary agreements be authorized and approved in their entirety.
- 35. To the extent of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Sale Order, the Agreement, and any documents executed in connection therewith, the provisions contained in this Sale Order and the Agreement and any documents executed or delivered in connection therewith shall govern, in that order.
- 36. Nothing contained in any chapter 11 plan confirmed in this chapter 11 case or any order of this Court confirming such plan or any other order entered in this chapter 11 case (or any converted chapter 7 case) shall conflict with or derogate from the provisions of the Agreement, to the extent modified by this Order, or the terms of this Order.
- 37. In the event that this chapter 11 case is dismissed or converted to a chapter 7 case, or a trustee is appointed (whether under chapter 11 or 7), neither the dismissal or conversion of this case, nor the appointment of

such a trustee, shall affect, in any manner the rights of Purchaser under the Agreement or this Sale Order, or any other agreements executed by the Debtor in conjunction with the Sale and the Transaction, and all of the rights and remedies of Purchaser under this Sale Order, and such agreements shall remain in full force and effect as if the case had not been dismissed or converted or a trustee had not been appointed.

- 39. The provisions of this Sale Order are non-severable and mutually dependent.
- 40. To the extent that the Purchaser obtains the business records of the Debtor as part of the Agreement, the Purchaser shall maintain the business records of the Debtor and shall reasonably cooperate with and provide the records upon request to the Debtor, the Creditor's Committee, and any subsequently appointed liquidation agent and/or trustee.
- 41. Debtor may file a further motion(s) to assume, assign, and/or reject certain executory contracts and unexpired leases.
- 421. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 7062, 9014, 6004(h), and 6006(d), this Order shall be effective immediately upon entry and the Debtor and Purchaser are authorized to close the Sale immediately upon entry of this Order. Notwithstanding the provisions of Bankruptcy Rules 6004 and 6006 or any applicable provisions of the Local Rules, this Order

shall not be stayed for fourteen (14) days after the entry hereof, but shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry, and the fourteen (14) day stay provided in such rules is hereby expressly waived and shall not apply. Any party objecting to this Order must exercise due diligence in filing an appeal and pursuing a stay within the time prescribed by law and prior to the Closing Date, or risk its appeal being foreclosed as moot.

In the Matter of:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

ARK LABORATORY, LLC,	Case No. 23-43403-mlo Chapter 11
Debtor.	Hon, Maria L. Oxholm /

Bid Procedures

Set forth below are the bid procedures (the "Bid Procedures" or "Bidding Process") to be used with respect to the prospective sale (the "Sale") of substantially all of the assets (the "Property") owned by Ark Laboratory, LLC (the "Debtor"). The Debtor will seek entry of an order from the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and approving the Sale of the Property to the Qualified Bidder (as hereinafter defined) that the Debtor determines to have made the highest or otherwise best offer to purchase the Property (the "Successful Bidder") in the exercise of their business judgment, and after consultation with its legal and financial advisors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Creditors' Committee").

Assets to be Sold

The Debtor is offering for sale the Property as more fully described in the Asset Purchase Agreement dated June 22, 2023 (the "Agreement") with Auxo Investment Partners, LLC (the "Stalking Horse").

Excluded Assets

The proposed sale includes only the Property as described in the Agreement. All other assets of the Debtor (collectively, the "Excluded Assets"), will remain part of the bankruptcy estate and in all likelihood be liquidated in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and Rules, any approved Plan of Reorganization or Liquidation, further motion to sell those Excluded Assets, and the further orders of the Court.

The Bidding Process

Participation Requirements

To participate in the Bidding Process, each person (a "Potential Bidder") must deliver to the Debtor no later than July 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing time), an executed Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtors, which such Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement shall be substantially the same as the Confidentiality Agreement (as defined in the Agreement) in all material respects (collectively, the "NDA"). At the same time that the Potential Bidder executes the NDA, the Debtor shall allow the Potential Bidder to conduct due diligence with respect to the Property sought to be acquired as hereinafter provided.

Due Diligence

The Debtor shall immediately afford each Potential Bidder due diligence access to the Property, including, but not limited to, access to any data room set up for Potential Bidders. The Debtor will designate a representative to coordinate all reasonable requests for additional due diligence from such bidders. Potential Bidders will have the opportunity to review such due diligence at a location designated by the Debtor. Neither the Debtor nor any of its representatives are obligated to furnish any information relating to the Property to any person except to a Potential Bidder under this Bidding Process. Bidders are advised to exercise their own discretion before relying on any information regarding the Property provided by anyone other than the Debtor or its representatives.

Bid Deadline

A Potential Bidder that desires to make a bid shall deliver a written copy of its bid to Debtor and Debtor's counsel, not later than July 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (the "Bid Deadline") via email at bbassel@gmail.com (other than the Deposit referenced below), and contemporaneously distribute copies of the bids via email to (i) the United States Trustee, Ronna.G.Jackson@usdoj.gov; (ii) counsel to the Creditors' Committee, jgmiller@taftlaw.com and rkruger@taftlaw.com; and (iii) counsel for the Stalking Horse, wolfordr@millerjohnson.com. The Stalking Horse, having already submitted a bid in the form of its entry into the Agreement, shall not be required to submit a bid, but may submit an additional bid in response to

the bid of any other Potential Bidder on or before the Bid Deadline. To the extent the Stalking Horse submits an additional bid in response to the bid of any other Potential Bidder, the Debtor shall share the terms of such additional bid of the Stalking Horse with other Potential Bidders and the Creditors' Committee-. The Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, may extend the Bid Deadline once or successively, but is not obligated to do so.

Bid Requirements

All bids must include the following documents (the "Required Bid Documents"):

- A letter stating that the bidder's offer is irrevocable until 30 days after the Sale Hearing, currently scheduled for August 3, 2023, and that the Bidder agrees to be bound by such offer if its bid is the Back Up Bid, as defined herein, until such 30- day period has passed;
- An executed copy of an asset purchase agreement in a form substantially the same as the Agreement. Any changes to the Agreement or to the proposed structure of the transaction must be (a) made to and marked on such form of agreement or otherwise provided in writing as part of the Required Bid Documents and (b) agreed to by the Debtor. The asset purchase agreement must set forth a cash bid at least \$200,000 in excess of the Purchase Price, as defined in the Agreement, cannot contain any consideration other than cash and assumption of liabilities of the Debtor, and shall not be subject to any financing or other conditions not set forth in the Agreement.
- A good faith deposit (the "<u>Deposit</u>") in the form of a cashier's check or wire transfer (or other form acceptable to the Debtor in its sole discretion) payable to the order of the Debtor's Bankruptcy Estate, % its financial advisor, O'Keefe & Associates, (or such other party as the Debtors may designate) in the amount of \$200,000.
- Written evidence of a commitment for financing or other evidence of ability to consummate the proposed transaction satisfactory to the Debtor, after consultation with the Creditors' Committee.

• Written acknowledgment that the bid is not subject to due diligence review, board approval, obtaining financing, or the receipt of any non-governmental consents.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Potential Bidder may submit a proposal for an alternative transaction that includes economic terms that would enable the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, to make a meaningful comparison of such bid with other Qualified Bids.

After reviewing all of the materials required above, the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, shall determine, and shall notify the Potential Bidder whether it is a Qualified Bidder. The Debtor shall notify a Potential Bidder if it is a Qualified Bidder by 11:59 p.m., July 28, 2023.

A Potential Bidder that timely delivers the Required Bid Documents, whose financial information demonstrates the financial capability of the Potential Bidder to consummate the Sale, has submitted a bona fide offer, and that the Debtor, after consultation with the Creditors' Committee, determines (based on availability of financing, experience and other considerations) to be able to consummate the Sale if selected as the Successful Bidder is deemed to be a "Qualified Bidder." The Stalking Horse shall automatically be considered as a Qualified Bidder by reason of its willingness to act as a stalking horse bidder in connection with the Bidding Process. If the Debtor wishes to disqualify any Potential Bidder who otherwise timely submits an NDA and the Required Bid Documents, the Debtors shall first consult with the Creditors' Committee.

The Debtor will consider a bid only if the bid is on terms acceptable to the Debtor, and the Creditors' Committee, and not conditioned on other conditions unacceptable to the Debtors, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee. A bid received from a Qualified Bidder that includes all of the Required Bid Documents and meets all of the above requirements is a "Qualified Bid."

The Auction and Sale Hearing

After all Qualified Bids have been received, the Debtor intends to conduct an auction (the "<u>Auction</u>") with respect to the Property if a Qualified Bid other than that of Stalking Horse has been received. The Auction shall take place at the July 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Miller

Johnson, 500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 2800, Detroit, MI 48226, or, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, such later time or other place as the Debtor shall notify all Qualified Bidders who have submitted Qualified Bids. The Auction shall be conducted in the presence of a certified court reporter, who shall transcribe the proceedings for purposes of creating and preserving a record of the Auction. Only the Stalking Horse and any other Qualified Bidders who have submitted the Required Bid Documents in form and substance satisfactory to the Debtor by the Bid Deadline will be eligible to participate in the Auction as bidders and all Qualified Bidders must have an authorized representative present at the Auction. However, the Creditors' Committee, and the Office of the United States Trustee, or counsel for any of the aforementioned parties are authorized to attend the Auction and participate in the process, if desired.

Based upon the terms of the Qualified Bids received, the level of interest expressed as to the Property, and such other information as the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, determines is relevant, the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, will conduct the Auction in the manner they determine will result in the highest or otherwise best offer for the Property. If there is not a timely Qualified Bidder other than the Stalking Horse, no auction shall be conducted and the Stalking Horse shall be deemed the Successful Bidder.

All bids at the Auction must satisfy the requirements for a Qualified Bid.

Upon the Auction's conclusion, the Debtor, in consultation with its advisors and representatives of the Creditors' Committee, shall (i) review each Qualified Bid on the basis of financial and contractual terms and the factors relevant to the sale process, including those factors affecting the speed and certainty of consummating the sale, and (ii) identify the highest and otherwise best offer (the "Successful Bid"). At the Sale Hearing, the Debtor shall present the Successful Bid to the Court for approval.

Post Sale Hearing Procedures

Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to return of their earnest money deposit within 30 days of the Sale Hearing. If the Successful Bidder fails to consummate the transaction by the Closing Date, as defined in the Agreement, the Debtors shall (i) retain such bidder's earnest money deposit; and (ii) be free to consummate the proposed sale of the Property with the next highest and best bidder (the "Back Up Bidder") at the final

price bid by the Back Up Bidder at the Auction (the "Back Up Bid") (or, if that competing bidder is unable to consummate the purchase of the Property at that price, then the Debtor shall retain the Back Up Bidder's earnest money deposit and them may consummate the transaction with the next highest and best competing bidder, and so forth) without the need for an additional hearing or order of the Court. The Debtor shall, upon conclusion of the Auction and in consultation the Creditors' Committee. rank the Qualified Bids in order of its determination of the highest and best Qualified Bids. The Successful Bid shall be ranked first, the Back Up Bid shall be ranked second, and any other Qualified Bids shall be ranked in order of preference by the Debtor, after consultation with the Creditors' Committee, as the next highest and best Qualified Bids. Additionally. Qualified Bidders, including, but not limited to, the Stalking Horse Bidder, shall be required to keep their offer open until 30 days after the Sale Hearing in the event they are the Back-Up Bidder.

Summary Timeline of Critical Events

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Sale Procedures	June 29, 2023	Procedures Order ^{ted}
Sale Notice and Assumption Notice	June 30, 2023	contractsry amption
Service Deadline		
Objection Deadline	July 27, 2023	contracts.sumption of
Potential Bid	July 28 2023 at 4:00	qualify as bidderd to
Package Deadline	p.m. (prevailing time)	
Auction Date	July 31, 2023	Michigan in Detroit, :
Sale Hearing	August 3, 2023	Court Approves Sale
Closing Date	August 4, 2023	Sale Closes

PROPOSED BIDDING PROCEDURES ORDER AS AMENDED

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

In the Matter of:

ARK LABORATORY, LLC, Debtor.		Case No. 23-43403-mlo
		Chapter 11
		Hon, Maria L. Oxholm
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ORDER (1) APPROVING BIDDING PROCEDURES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE DEBTORS' ASSETS; (2) FORM OF ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AND (3) SCHEDULING A SALE HEARING; AND (4) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon preliminary consideration of the motion (the "Sale Motion") of Ark Laboratory, LLC, debtor-in-possession in this chapter 11 case (the "Debtor"), for the entry of an order authorizing and approving (i) bidding procedures, attached to the Sale Motion as **Exhibit C**, form of asset purchase agreement, and certain other matters relating to the Debtor's intended sale of substantially all of its assets (the "Property") as more fully defined in the Asset Purchase Agreement dated June 2, 2023 (the "Agreement") between the Debtor and Auxo Investment Partners, LLC ("Auxo"), which is attached to the Sale Motion as **Exhibit A**; and (ii) the sale (the "Sale") of the Property free and clear of liens, claims, interests and encumbrances; this Court having determined that granting the preliminary relief requested in the Sale Motion, as it pertains to the preliminary relief approved in this Order, is in the best interests of the Debtors, the estate and the Debtors' creditors; that proper and

4878-2110-1674.v2 23-43403-mlo adequate notice of the Sale Motion has been given and that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 27 U.S.C. §§1334 and 157; a hearing having been held, the Court having reviewed the Motion and the Court having found that (i) the Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (ii) venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; (iii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(6); (iv) notice of the Motion was sufficient under the circumstances; and after due deliberation the Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate and its creditors; and good and sufficient cause having been shown;

AND THE COURT FURTHER FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT:

- A. The Debtor's proposed notice of the Bidding Procedures, the Auction and the hearing to approve any sale of the Debtor's Property (the "Sale Hearing") is appropriate and reasonably calculated to provide all interested parties with timely and proper notice, and no other or further notice is required.
- B. The Bidding Procedures substantially in the form attached to the Sale Motion as **Exhibit C** are fair, reasonable, and appropriate and are designed to maximize the recovery from the Sale of the Debtor's Property.

- C. The findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9014.
- D. To the extent any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED in all respects.
- 2. The Bidding Procedures attached to the Motion as **Exhibit C** are APPROVED.
- 3. The Bid Deadline shall be **July 28, 2023**, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).
- 4. The Debtor, in conjunction with the Creditors' Committee, shall have the exclusive right to determine whether a bid is a Qualified Bid and shall notify bidders whether their bids have been recognized as such prior to the Auction.¹
- 5. The Auction, if necessary, shall be held on **July 31, 2023**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), at the offices of Miller Johnson, 500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 2800, Detroit MI 48226, or such later time or other place

¹ All rights granted in favor of the Debtor in these Bidding Procedures shall be exercised in accordance with its fiduciary obligations.

as the Debtor shall notify all Qualified Bidders who have submitted Qualified Bids, or at such other later date, time and place as may be designated in writing by the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, and served on Qualified Bidders via electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or overnight mail delivery.

- 6. The Sale Approval Hearing shall be held on **August 3**, **2023** at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) before this Court, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, in the courtroom of the Honorable Maria L Oxholm, 18th Floor, 211 W. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. Anyone having an objection to the Sale or to the entry of an order approving the Successful Bid must be present if the hearing is an in-person hearing. The deadline for any party to file an objection to the Sale is **July 27**, **2023** at **4:00 p.m.** (prevailing Eastern Time).
- 7. The Sale Approval Hearing may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice to creditors or parties-in-interest other than by announcement of the adjournment in open court on the date scheduled for the Sale Approval Hearing, and the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, shall have the exclusive right, in the exercise of its fiduciary obligations and business judgment, to cancel the Sale at any time.
- 8. The Buyer (as defined in the Agreement) is approved as the "stalking horse" bidder for the purchase of the Property. The Buyer's bid for the Assets set

forth in the Agreement, plus the minimum overbid increment of \$200,000 shall be the floor bid against which any and all other bids shall be considered by the Debtor.

- 9. The following form of notice is approved: Notice of Sale Procedures, Auction Date, and Sale Approval Hearing, in the form substantially similar to that attached to the Motion as **Exhibit D** (the "Procedures Notice").
- 10. The Debtors will serve a copy of the Procedures Notice, together with this Bidding Procedures Order, on the following parties: (a) the U.S. Trustee, (b) counsel for Creditors' Committee, (c) any parties requesting notices in this Case, (d) all creditors or their counsel known to the Debtor to have asserted a lien (including a security interest), claim, right, interest or encumbrance of record against all or any portion of the Assets, (e) all parties who have expressed an interest in purchasing the Assets (the "Potential Bidders"), and (f) the Matrix (collectively, the "Notice Parties"). Receipt of such Notice of Sale shall constitute notice of the Auction and the Sale Hearing for all purposes.
- 11. The Debtor shall serve, or cause to be served, the Procedures Notice within one (1) business day following entry of this Order, by first-class U.S. mail, overnight mail delivery, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or the Court's ECF notice system.

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- 12. Debtor shall publish notice of the sale at least once digitally in Crain's and at least once in the print edition of the Detroit News in a form substantially similar to Exhibit D.
- 13. Debtor may file a further motion(s) to assume, assign, and/or reject certain executory contracts and unexpired leases.
- 14. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all matters arising from or related to the interpretation and implementation of this Order. This Order shall be effective immediately upon its entry, and the 10-day stay provided by F.R.Bankr.P. 6004(g) and 6006(d) is waived.

PROPOSED SALE ORDER AS AMENDED

In the Matter of:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

ARK LABORATORY, LLC,	Case No. 23-43403-mlo
	Chapter 11
Debtor.	Hon, Maria L. Oxholm
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ORDER: (I) AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS PURSUANT TO § 363 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, INTERESTS AND ENCUMBRANCES; (II) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TERMS OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREIN; AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Ark Laboratory, LLC. (the "Debtor"), having filed on June 23, 2023 its MOTION TO APPROVE (1) BIDDING PROCEDURES AND FORM OF ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO SALE OF SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS; AND (2) THE SALE OF SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS, CLAIMS, AND ENCUMBRANCES PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(A) AND 363; ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF UNEXPIRED LEASES AND EXECUTORY CONTRACT PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 365; AND RELATED RELIEF (the "Sale Motion")¹, seeking, pursuant to §§ 105(a), 363, and 365 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002, 6004, 9007, and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), authorization to sell substantially all its operating assets and assign certain

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Asset Purchase Agreement (the "<u>Agreement</u>") by and between the Debtor and Auxo Investment, LLC, (the "<u>Purchaser</u>"), dated as of June 22, 2023 (a copy of which was attached as <u>Exhibit A to the Sale Motion</u>), the Sale Motion, or the Bidding Procedures Order, as the case may be, in that order of priority, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

executory contracts and unexpired leases (the "Transaction" or "Transactions"); and this Court having entered on June , 2023, its ORDER (1) APPROVING BIDDING PROCEDURES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS; (2) FORM OF ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AND (3) SCHEDULING A SALE HEARING (the "Bidding Procedures Order") approving, among other things, the Bidding Procedures with respect to, and notice of, the Transaction; and the Auction having been conducted in all material respects in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order on July 31, 2023; and Debtor, having determined that Purchaser has submitted the highest or otherwise best bid for the Purchased Assets and has been designated as the Successful Bidder pursuant to the Bidding Procedures Order; and a hearing having been held on August 3, 2023 (the "Sale Hearing") to consider approval of the sale of the Purchased Assets to Purchaser pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and adequate and sufficient notice of the Bidding Procedures, the Agreement, and the Transaction having been given to parties in interest in this case; and such parties having been afforded an opportunity to be heard with respect to the Sale Motion and all relief requested therein; and the Court having reviewed and considered: (i) the Sale Motion; (ii) the objections to the Sale Motion; and (iii) the arguments of counsel made, and the evidence proffered or adduced, at the Sale Hearing, after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, and it appearing that the relief requested in the Sale Motion, insofar as it pertains to this Order, is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, its creditors, and other parties in interest; and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

IT HEREBY IS FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:²

² Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact when appropriate. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052.

- A. This Court has jurisdiction over the Sale Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and this matter is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A), (N), and (O). Venue of this case and the Sale Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- B. The statutory bases for the relief sought in the Sale Motion are §§ 105(a), 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, together with Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 9007, and 9014.
- C. This Order constitutes a final order within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 158(a). Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d), and to any extent necessary under Bankruptcy Rule 9014 and Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as made applicable by Bankruptcy Rule 7054, the Court expressly finds that there is no just reason for delay in the implementation of this Order, and expressly directs entry of judgment as set forth herein.
- D. As evidenced by the proofs of service on file with this Court, due, proper, timely, adequate, and sufficient notice and a reasonable opportunity to object or be heard with respect to the Sale Motion and the relief requested therein, the Sale Hearing, the Transaction, and the Auction, have been provided in accordance with §§ 102(1), 105(a), 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 9007, and 9014, and in compliance with the Bidding Procedures and the Purchase Agreement, to interested persons and entities, including, but not limited to: (1) the Office of the United States Trustee; (2) Purchaser and its counsel; (3) the Creditors' Committee and its counsel; (4) all entities, known to Debtor that assert any Liens against or other interests in the Purchased Assets (or any portion thereof); (5) all parties known to the Debtor who expressed in writing to Debtor an interest in purchasing all or a portion of the Purchased Assets; (6) all non-Debtor parties to any Purchased Contracts; (7) all relevant taxing and regulatory authorities; and (8) all entities required to receive notice pursuant to

Bankruptcy Rule 2002, including, without limitation, those entities that have filed a notice of appearance and request for service of papers in these cases.

- E. Such notice with respect to the Sale Motion and the relief requested therein, the Sale Hearing, the Transaction, and the Auction was (i) reasonably calculated to provide all interested parties with timely and proper notice of the Sale, Sale Hearing and Auction, and (ii) good, sufficient, and appropriate under the circumstances. Accordingly, no other or further notice of the Sale Motion, the Sale Hearing, the Transaction, the Bidding Procedures, the Sale Notice, or the Auction is or shall be required.
- F. As demonstrated by the testimony and other evidence, if any, proffered or adduced at the Sale Hearing, the Debtor has conducted the sale process in compliance, in all material respects, with the Bidding Procedures Order.
- G. No consents or approvals are required for the Debtor to consummate the Transaction other than the consent and approval of this Court and those set forth in the Agreement. Neither the execution of the Agreement nor the consummation of the Transaction in accordance with its terms will constitute a violation of any provision of the Debtor's organizational documents or any other instrument, law, regulation, or ordinance by which the Debtor is bound.
- H. The bidding and related procedures established by the Bidding Procedures Order have been complied with in all material respects by the Debtor and Purchaser. The Debtor received a Qualifying Bid from Auxo Investment Partners, LLC, an Auction for the Purchased Assets was held in material compliance with the Bid Procedures Order, and Debtor has selected Purchaser as the Successful Bidder.

- I. The Debtor is the legal and equitable owner of the Purchased Assets and, upon entry of this Sale Order, the Debtor shall have full authority to consummate the Transaction contemplated by the Agreement. The Agreement and the Transaction have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action, as the case may be, of the Debtor.
- J. Approval of the Agreement and consummation of the Transaction is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, creditors, and other parties in interest, and the Debtor has demonstrated (i) good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification, (ii) compelling circumstances for the Sale pursuant to § 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code prior to, in contemplation of, and outside of, a plan of reorganization in that, among other things, the immediate consummation of the sale to the Purchaser is necessary and appropriate to maximize the value of the Debtor's estate, and (iii) the sale will provide the means for the Debtor to maximize distributions to creditors. To maximize the value of the Purchased Assets, it is essential that the Transaction occur within the time constraints set forth in the Agreement. Time is of the essence in consummating the Transaction.
- K. The Debtor, with the assistance of its professionals, diligently and in good faith marketed the Purchased Assets to secure the highest and best offer therefor by, among other things, making its books and records and the Purchased Assets available to potential buyers for due diligence and providing potential buyers with access to management. In addition, the Debtor served the Bidding Procedures Order, the Sale Motion, and the Agreement on each of the entities that had previously expressed an interest in some or all of the Purchased Assets and published notice of the sale in the Detroit News and Crain's Detroit.

- L. The procedures set forth in the Bidding Procedures Order, including the Auction, were designed to and achieved a fair and reasonable purchase price constituting the highest and best offer obtainable for the Purchased Assets.
- M. A sale of the Purchased Assets at this time pursuant to § 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code will preserve the existing value of the Purchased Assets and maximize the Debtor's estate for the benefit of all constituencies.
- N. The Agreement between the Debtor and the Purchaser was negotiated, proposed and entered into by the Debtor and the Purchaser in good faith and from arm's-length bargaining positions and without collusion, fraud, or unfair advantage.
- O. At the Sale Hearing on August 3, 2023, no evidence was presented that either the Debtor or the Purchaser engaged in any conduct that would cause or permit the Purchase Agreement to be avoided under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code. Specifically, no evidence was presented that the Purchaser acted in a collusive manner with any person and no evidence was presented that the aggregate price paid by the Purchaser for the Purchased Assets was controlled by any agreement among the bidders.
- P. The Successful Bidder is purchasing the Purchased Assets in good faith and is a good faith purchaser for value within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and is therefore entitled to all of the protections afforded by that provision, and otherwise has proceeded in good faith in all respects in connection with this proceeding in that, *inter alia*: (a) the Purchaser recognized that the Debtor was free to deal with any other party interested in acquiring the Purchased Assets; (b) the Purchaser complied with the provisions in the Bid Procedures Order; (c) the Purchaser agreed to subject its bid to the competitive bidding procedures set forth in the Bid Procedures Order; (d) the Purchaser in no way induced or caused

the chapter 11 filing by the Debtor; (e) the negotiation and execution of the Agreement was at arm's-length and in good faith, and at all times each of the Purchaser and the Debtor were represented by competent counsel of their choosing, (f) the Purchaser has not acted in a collusive manner with any person, and (g) all payments to be made by the Purchaser in connection with the sale have been disclosed. The Purchaser will be acting in good faith within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code in closing the—Transactions contemplated by the Agreement.

- Q. The consideration to be provided by Purchaser, in this case being a credit bid of the Purchaser's indebtedness owed by the Debtor to it, pursuant to the Agreement: (i) is valid, due and outstanding by the Debtor to the Purchaser, (ii) is fair and reasonable; (iii) is the highest or otherwise best offer for the Purchased Assets; (iv) will provide a greater recovery for the Debtor's creditors than would be provided by any other practical available alternative; and (v) constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code. No other person or entity or group of entities has offered to purchase the Purchased Assets for greater economic value to the Debtor's estate.
- R. The Agreement was not entered into for the purpose of hindering, delaying, or defrauding creditors under the Bankruptcy Code.
- S. The Purchaser is not a mere continuation of the Debtor or its estate and there is no continuity of enterprise between the Purchaser and the Debtor. The Purchaser is not holding itself out to the public as a continuation of the Debtor. The Purchaser is not a successor to the Debtor or its estate and the Transaction does not amount to a consolidation, merger or de facto merger of the Purchaser and the Debtor.

- Τ Subject to the terms of this Order, the transfer of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser will be a legal, valid, and effective transfer of the Purchased Assets, and, except as expressly provided in the Purchase Agreement, will vest the Purchaser with all right, title, and interest of the Debtor to the Purchased Assets free and clear of all: (i) Liens; (ii) all debts arising under, relating to, or in connection with any act of the Debtor or claims (as that term is defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code), liabilities, obligations, demands, guaranties, options, rights, contractual commitments, restrictions, interests and matters of any kind and nature, whether arising prior to or subsequent to the commencement of these cases, and whether imposed by agreement, understanding, law, equity or otherwise (collectively, "Claims"); (iii) encumbrances and (iv) interests of any kind, including, without limitation, the following: (A) interests that purport to give to any party or entity a right or option to effect any forfeiture, modification, right of first refusal, or termination of the Debtor's or the Purchaser's interest in the Purchased Assets, or any similar rights; (B) interests relating to taxes arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the operation of the Business prior to the Closing Date; and (C) interests relating to Liens, claims, and encumbrances on the Purchased Assets or against the Debtor (collectively (ii)-(iv) from time to time herein "Interests"); provided, however, that all such Interests shall attach to the proceeds of the Sale, in order of priority as set forth under applicable law unless modified by this Order.
- U. The Purchaser would not have entered into the Agreement and would not consummate the transactions contemplated thereby, thus adversely affecting the Debtor, its estate, and its creditors, if the sale of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser was not free and clear of all Liens and Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever, or if the Purchaser would, or in

the future could, be liable for any of the Liens or Interests not expressly assumed by the Purchaser.

V. Subject to the provisions of this Order, the Debtor may sell the Purchased Assets free and clear of all Liens and other Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever because, in each case, one or more of the standards set forth in §§ 363(f)(1) through (5) of the Bankruptcy Code has been satisfied. Those (i) holders of Interests and (ii) non-debtor parties to Purchased Contracts who did not object, or who withdrew their objections, to the Sale or the Sale Motion are deemed to have consented pursuant to § 363(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Those (i) holders of Interests and (ii) non-debtor parties to Purchased Contracts who did object fall within one or more of the other subsections of § 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code and are adequately protected by having their Interests, if any, attach to the proceeds of the Sale attributable to the property against or in which they claim Interests.

W. Under §363 of the Bankruptcy Code, unless otherwise expressly included in Permitted Encumbrances under the Purchase Agreement, the Purchaser shall not be responsible for any Liens or Interests, including in respect of the following: (1) any labor or employment agreements; (2) all mortgages, deeds of trust and security interests; (3) intercompany loans and receivables between the Debtor and any non-Debtor affiliate, (4) any pension, welfare, compensation or other employee benefit plans, agreements, practices and programs, including, without limitation, any pension plan of the Debtor; (5) any other employee, worker's compensation, occupational disease or unemployment or temporary disability related claim, including, without limitation, claims that might otherwise arise under or pursuant to (a) the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, (b) the Fair Labor Standards Act, (c) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (d) the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (e)

the National Labor Relations Act, (f) the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act of 1988, (g) the Age Discrimination and Employee Act of 1967 and Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended, (h) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, (i) the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, (j) state discrimination laws, (k) state unemployment compensation laws or any other similar state laws, or (l) any other state or federal benefits or claims relating to any employment with the Debtor or any of their respective predecessors; (6) Claims or Interests arising under any Environmental Laws with respect to any assets owned or operated by Debtor or any corporate predecessor at any time prior to the Closing Date; (7) any liabilities of the Debtor other than the Assumed Liabilities; (8) as defined in the Agreement, the "Excluded Liabilities"; (9) any bulk sales or similar law; (10) any tax statutes or ordinances, including, without limitation, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and (11) any theories of successor liability.

X. Under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f), the transfer of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser will not deem the Purchaser to be a "successor," or subject the Purchaser to any liability whatsoever with respect to, or on account of, the operation of the Business prior to the Closing Date or by reason of such transfer under any applicable laws, whether based, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, on any theory of law or equity, including, without limitation, any theory of equitable law, any theory of implied assumption of any liabilities other than the Assumed Liabilities, any theory of constructive consolidation or merger of the Purchaser and the Debtor, any theory that Purchaser's acquisition is a mere continuation or reincarnation of the Debtor's business, any theory that the Transaction is fraudulent or lacks good faith, or any other theory of antitrust, vicarious, successor, or transferee liability.

- Y. The Debtor has demonstrated that it is an exercise of its sound business judgment to enter into the Transaction, and consummate the Sale in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, and its creditors.
- Z. The consummation of the Transaction (the "Closing") pursuant to the Agreement and the terms of this Order will be a legal, valid, and effective transfer of the Purchased Assets to Purchaser, and will vest Purchaser with all right, title, and interest in and to the Purchased Assets, free and clear of all Liens and Interests, other than Permitted Encumbrances (as such term is defined in the Purchase Agreement) in accordance with § 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- AA. The Agreement is a valid and binding contract between the Debtor and Purchaser, which is and shall be enforceable according to its terms.
- BB. All of the provisions of the Agreement are non-severable and mutually dependent.

 NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND

 DECREED THAT:
- 1. The Sale Motion is **GRANTED** on the basis set forth herein (other than with respect to matters already addressed by the Bidding Procedures Order).
- 2. Any objections to the entry of this Sale Order or the relief granted herein and requested in the Sale Motion that have not been withdrawn, waived or settled, and all reservations of rights included therein, hereby are **DENIED** and **OVERRULED**.

Approval Of The Agreement, <u>Transaction And Ancillary Agreements</u>

- 3. The Agreement and all other ancillary documents, and all of the terms and conditions thereof, are hereby approved.
- 4. Pursuant to sections 363(b) and (f) of the Bankruptcy Code and subject to the terms of this Order, the Debtor is authorized and empowered to take any and all actions

necessary or appropriate to (i) consummate the Sale of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, (ii) close the Sale as contemplated in the Agreement and this Order, and (iii) execute and deliver, perform under, consummate, implement, and close fully the Agreement, together with all additional instruments and documents that may be reasonably necessary to implement the Agreement and the Sale. The Purchaser shall not be required to seek or to obtain relief from the automatic stay under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to enforce any of its remedies under the Purchase Agreement or any other Sale related document. The automatic stay imposed by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code is modified solely to the extent necessary to implement the preceding sentence and the other provisions of this Order.

- 5. This Order shall be binding in all respects upon the Debtor, its estate, all creditors of, and holders of equity interests in, the Debtor, any holders of Liens or Interests in, against or on all or any portion of the Purchased Assets (whether known or unknown), the Purchaser and all successors and assigns of the Purchaser, the Purchased Assets and any trustee, if any, subsequently appointed in the Debtor's chapter 11 case or upon a conversion to chapter 7 under the Bankruptcy Code of the Debtor's case, and all parties in interest and those otherwise bound by applicable law. This Order and the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the Debtor, its estate, creditors, the Purchaser and the respective successors and assigns of each of the foregoing.
- 6. Upon the Closing, pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is authorized to transfer the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser and such transfer shall constitute a legal, valid, binding, and effective transfer of such Purchased Assets and shall vest Purchaser with title to the Purchased Assets and, upon the Debtor's receipt

of the Purchase Price, other than Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities, shall be free and clear of all Liens or Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to, successor or successor-in-interest liability and Claims and Interests in respect of the Purchased Assets, with all such Liens or Interests to attach to the cash proceeds ultimately attributable to the property against or in which such Liens or Interests are asserted, subject to the terms thereof, with the same validity, force and effect, and in the same order of priority, which such Liens or Interests now have against the Purchased Assets, subject to any rights, claims and defenses the Debtor or its estate, as applicable, may possess with respect thereto. Upon the Closing, the Purchaser shall take title to and possession of the Purchased Assets subject only to the Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities.

- 7. Except with respect to Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities, all persons and entities that are in possession of some or all of the Purchased Assets on the Closing Date are directed to surrender possession of such Purchased Assets to the Purchaser or its assignee at the Closing. Upon Closing or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the terms of this Order, each of the Debtor's creditors is authorized and directed, and the Purchaser is hereby authorized, on behalf of each of the Debtor's creditors, to execute such documents and take all other actions as may be reasonably necessary to release such creditor's Liens or Interests in the Purchased Assets, if any, as such Liens or Interests may have been recorded or may otherwise exist.
- 8. The Debtor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to consummate the Agreement, including any actions that otherwise would require further approval by its members or its board of directors without the need of obtaining such approvals.

- 9. Upon Closing, this Order shall be construed and shall constitute for any and all purposes a full and complete general assignment, conveyance and transfer of the Debtor's interests in the Purchased Assets or a bill (or bills) of sale transferring good and marketable title in such Purchased Assets to the Purchaser. Upon Closing, this Order also shall be construed as, and constitute for any and all purposes, a complete and general assignment of all right, title, and interest of the Debtor and its bankruptcy estate to the Purchaser in the Purchased Assets. Each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency or department is hereby directed to accept any and all documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement.
- 10. A certified copy of this Order may be filed with the appropriate clerk and/or recorded with the recorder, which, once filed, registered, or otherwise recorded, shall constitute conclusive evidence of the release of all obligations, and the cancellation of any liens and other encumbrances of any kind whatsoever except those assumed as Assumed Liabilities or Permitted Encumbrances.
- agreements evidencing Liens on, or interests in, all or any portion of the Purchased Assets (other than statements or documents with respect to Permitted Encumbrances) shall not have delivered to the Debtor prior to the Closing, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, releases of liens and easements, and any other documents necessary for the purpose of documenting the release of all liens or interests which the person or entity has or may assert with respect to all or any portion of the Purchased Assets, the Purchaser is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Debtor and each of the Debtor's

creditors, to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases and other documents on behalf of such person or entity with respect to the Purchased Assets.

12. This Order is and shall be effective as a determination that, upon Closing, all Liens or Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever existing as to the Purchased Assets prior to the Closing Date, other than Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities, shall have been unconditionally released, discharged and terminated, and that the conveyances described herein have been effected. This Order is and shall be binding upon and govern the acts of all persons and entities, including, without limitation, all filing agents, filing officers, title agents, title companies, recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal, state and local officials, and all other persons and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to any lease; and each of the foregoing persons and entities is hereby directed to accept for filing any and all of the documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement.

Distribution of Sale Proceeds

Out") consisting of (a) all fees required to be paid to the Clerk of the Court and to the U.S. Trustee pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a) calculated at \$111,000 based on the valuation of the Debtor's assets in Schedule A/B, and (b) amounts due to the Debtor's Professionals and the Committee's Professionals under the Stipulated Final Order Authorizing Use of Cash Collateral and Granting Adequate Protection (the "Final Cash Collateral Order") [Doc. No. 144], shall be remitted directly to the Debtor, as follows: (i) the Carve Out will be transferred to and held in

the DIP Professionals Account as defined under the Final Cash Collateral Order; and (ii) the balance will be transferred to and held in a segregated DIP account for which Debtor's financial advisor, Russell Long of O'Keefe & Associates, will be made an additional signatory (the "DIP Sale Proceeds Account"). All distributions and withdrawals from the DIP Sale Proceeds Account will require 2 signatures.

Prohibition of Actions Against the Purchaser

- 14. The Transaction has been, and is undertaken by the Debtor and Purchaser in good faith, as that term is used in § 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and, accordingly, the reversal or modification on appeal of the authorization provided herein to consummate the Transaction shall not affect the validity of the sale of the Purchased Assets to Purchaser, unless such authorization is duly stayed pending such appeal. Purchaser is in all respects a good-faith purchaser of the Purchased Assets and is entitled to all of the benefits and protections afforded by § 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code..
- Assumed Liabilities, or as otherwise expressly provided for in this Order or the Purchase Agreement, the Purchaser shall not have any liability or other obligation of the Debtor arising under or related to any of the Purchased Assets. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and subject to § 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Purchaser shall not be liable for any Claims or Interests against the Debtor or any of its predecessors or affiliates, other than the Assumed Liabilities, and the Purchaser shall have no successor or vicarious liabilities of any kind or character, including, but not limited to, under any theory of antitrust, environmental, successor or transferee liability, labor law, de facto merger, mere continuation, or substantial continuity,

whether known or unknown as of the Closing Date, now existing or hereafter arising, whether fixed or contingent, whether asserted or unasserted, whether legal or equitable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, including, but not limited to, liabilities on account of warranties, intercompany loans and receivables between the Debtor and any non-Debtor affiliate, liabilities relating to or arising from any Environmental Laws, and any taxes arising, accruing or payable under, out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the operation of any of the Purchased Assets prior to the Closing. Neither the purchase of the Purchased Assets by the Purchaser nor the fact that the Purchaser is using any of the Purchased Assets previously operated by the Debtor will cause the Purchaser to be deemed a successor in any respect to the Debtor's businesses or incur any liability derived therefrom within the meaning of any foreign, federal, state, or local revenue, pension, ERISA, tax, labor, employment, environmental, or other law, rule or regulation (including, without limitation, filing requirements under any such laws, rules or regulations), or under any products liability law or doctrine with respect to the Debtor's liability under such law, rule, or regulation or doctrine.

16. Under § 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, except with respect to Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities, all persons and entities, including, but not limited to, all debt security holders, equity security holders, unions, governmental, tax and regulatory authorities, lenders, trade creditors, litigation claimants and other creditors, holding Liens or Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever against or in all or any portion of the Purchased Assets (whether legal or equitable, secured or unsecured, matured or unmatured, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, senior or subordinate), arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the Debtor, the Purchased Assets, the operation of the Debtor's business prior to the Closing Date or the transfer of the Purchased Assets to the

Purchaser, hereby are forever barred from asserting against the Purchaser, any of its affiliates, its successors or assigns, their property or the Purchased Assets, such persons' or entities' Liens or Interests in and to the Purchased Assets, including, without limitation, the following actions: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding against the Purchaser, any of its affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering in any manner any judgment, award, decree, or order against the Purchaser, any of its affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or other Claim against the Purchaser, any of its affiliates, its successors, assets, or properties; (iv) asserting any setoff, right of subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due the Purchaser, any of its affiliates or its successors; (v) commencing or continuing any action, in any manner or place, that does not comply or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Order or other orders of the Court, or the agreements or actions contemplated or taken in respect thereof; (vi) revoking, terminating or failing or refusing to transfer or renew any license, permit or authorization to operate any of the Purchased Assets or conduct any of the businesses operated with the Purchased Assets or (vii) any action seeking to hold the Purchaser liable as a successor under any collective bargaining agreement of the Debtor. On the Closing Date, or as soon as possible thereafter, each creditor is authorized and directed, and the Purchaser is hereby authorized, on behalf of each of the Debtor's creditors, to execute such documents and take all other actions as may be necessary to release Liens or Interests in or on the Purchased Assets (except Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Liabilities), if any, as provided for herein, as such Liens may have been recorded or may otherwise exist.

17. Except to the extent expressly included in the Assumed Liabilities, or by applicable law or statue, the Purchaser and its affiliates shall have no liability, obligation or

responsibility under the WARN Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 210 et seq.), CERCLA or any foreign, federal, state or local labor, employment or Environmental Law by virtue of the Purchaser's purchase of the Purchased Assets or assumption of the Assumed Liabilities.

- 18. Under §363 of the Bankruptcy Code, all persons and entities are hereby forever barred from taking any action that would adversely affect or interfere with the ability of the Debtor to sell and transfer the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement and this Order.
- 19. Based on the evidence provided at the Sale Hearing on July ___, 2023, the Purchaser has given substantial consideration under the Agreement for the benefit of the Debtor, its estate, and creditors. Under §§363(f), (n), and (m) of the Bankruptcy Code, the consideration given by the Purchaser shall constitute valid and valuable consideration for the releases of any potential Claims and Liens pursuant to this Order, which releases shall be deemed to have been given in favor of the Purchaser by all holders of Liens against or interests in, or Claims against the Debtor or any of the Purchased Assets, other than holders of Liens or Claims relating to the Assumed Liabilities. Based on the evidence provided at the Sale Hearing on August 3, 2023, the Purchaser is a good faith purchaser of the Purchased Assets and the consideration provided by the Purchaser for the Purchased Assets under the Agreement is fair and reasonable.
- 20. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Order shall limit, modify, or in any way affect the Secretary (the "Secretary") of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' authority to regulate Debtor's or the Purchaser's enrollment or participation as a Medicare provider (to the extent the Purchaser enrolls or participates as a Medicare provider) or the right and authority of the Secretary, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") or its contractors to review, approve, deny, or pay Medicare claims in the ordinary course of

business in accordance with the provisions of, and regulations, policies and procedures promulgated under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395–1395kkk (collectively, the "Medicare Program"). The United States takes no position with respect to, and nothing herein shall be construed as, the Secretary's consent to, or acceptance of, the Asset Purchase Agreement or any underlying transactions described in or supporting the [Asset Purchase Agreement].

21. For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order or the Asset Purchase Agreement, (i) Debtor shall not assume and assign or otherwise transfer any national provider identifier, provider transaction access number or Medicare enrollment agreement to the Purchaser; (ii) Debtor shall not loan or otherwise permit the Purchaser to use or submit claims under Debtor's provider transaction access number or Medicare enrollment agreement except in accordance with the Medicare Program and with the approval of CMS; and (iii) nothing shall restrict or limit the United States' rights of setoff and recoupment.

Additional Provisions

- 22. This Court retains jurisdiction, subject to the terms of this Order, to:
 - (a) Interpret, implement, and enforce the terms and provisions of this Order and the terms of the Agreement, all amendments thereto, and any waivers and consents thereunder, and of each of the agreements executed in connection therewith to which the Debtor is a party or which has been assigned by the Debtor to Purchaser;
 - (b) Protect Purchaser or Purchased Assets against any of the Liens or Interests (other than the Permitted Encumbrances), as provided herein, with respect to the commencement or continuation of any action seeking to impose successor or other liability upon the Purchaser;

- (c) Enter orders in aid or furtherance of the Sale and the Transaction;
- (d) Compel delivery of all Purchased Assets to Purchaser;
- (e) omitted;
- (f) Adjudicate all issues concerning any actual or alleged Liens or Interests in and to the Purchased Assets, including the extent, validity, enforceability, priority, and nature of all such actual or alleged Liens or Interests; and
- (g) Except as expressly provided for herein, adjudicate any and all issues and/or disputes relating to the Debtor and title or interest in the Purchased Assets and the proceeds of the Sale, the Sale Motion, and/or the Agreement.
- 23. The consideration provided by the Purchaser to the Debtor pursuant to the Agreement for the Purchased Assets constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code.
- 24. There are no brokers involved in consummating the Sale and no brokers' commissions are due.
- 25. No bulk sales law or any similar law of any state or other jurisdiction applies in any way to the Sale.
- 26. The terms and provisions of the Agreement, the ancillary agreements, and this Sale Order shall be binding in all respects upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the Debtor and Purchaser and their respective affiliates, successors and assigns, and any affected third parties, notwithstanding any subsequent appointment of any trustee(s) under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code or conversion of this case to a case under chapter 7, as to which trustee(s) such terms and provisions likewise shall be binding. The Agreement and the Transaction may be

specifically enforced against, and shall not be subject to rejection or avoidance by, the Debtor or any Chapter 7 or Chapter 11 trustee of the Debtor.

- 27. The Agreement and any related agreements, documents, or other instruments may be modified, amended, or supplemented by the parties thereto, in a writing signed by such parties, and in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of the Court, provided that any such modification, amendment, or supplement does not have a material adverse effect on the Debtor or the Debtor's estate.
- 28. The failure specifically to include any particular provisions of the Agreement or the ancillary agreements in this Sale Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provisions, it being the intent of the Court that the Agreement and the ancillary agreements be authorized and approved in their entirety.
- 29. To the extent of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Sale Order, the Agreement, and any documents executed in connection therewith, the provisions contained in this Sale Order and the Agreement and any documents executed or delivered in connection therewith shall govern, in that order.
- 30. Nothing contained in any chapter 11 plan confirmed in this chapter 11 case or any order of this Court confirming such plan or any other order entered in this chapter 11 case (or any converted chapter 7 case) shall conflict with or derogate from the provisions of the Agreement, to the extent modified by this Order, or the terms of this Order.
- 31. In the event that this chapter 11 case is dismissed or converted to a chapter 7 case, or a trustee is appointed (whether under chapter 11 or 7), neither the dismissal or conversion of this case, nor the appointment of such a trustee, shall affect, in any manner the rights of Purchaser under the Agreement or this Sale Order, or any other agreements executed by the

Debtor in conjunction with the Sale and the Transaction, and all of the rights and remedies of Purchaser under this Sale Order, and such agreements shall remain in full force and effect as if the case had not been dismissed or converted or a trustee had not been appointed.

- 32. The provisions of this Sale Order are non-severable and mutually dependent.
- 33. To the extent that the Purchaser obtains the business records of the Debtor as part of the Agreement, the Purchaser shall maintain the business records of the Debtor and shall reasonably cooperate with and provide the records upon request to the Debtor, the Creditor's Committee, and any subsequently appointed liquidation agent and/or trustee.
- 34. Debtor may file a further motion(s) to assume, assign, and/or reject certain executory contracts and unexpired leases.
- 35. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 7062, 9014, 6004(h), and 6006(d), this Order shall be effective immediately upon entry and the Debtor and Purchaser are authorized to close the Sale immediately upon entry of this Order. Notwithstanding the provisions of Bankruptcy Rules 6004 and 6006 or any applicable provisions of the Local Rules, this Order shall not be stayed for fourteen (14) days after the entry hereof, but shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry, and the fourteen (14) day stay provided in such rules is hereby expressly waived and shall not apply. Any party objecting to this Order must exercise due diligence in filing an appeal and pursuing a stay within the time prescribed by law and prior to the Closing Date, or risk its appeal being foreclosed as moot.

In the Matter of:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

ARK LABORATORY, LLC,		Case No. 23-43403-mlo
		Chapter 11
Debtor.		Hon, Maria L. Oxholm
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Bid Procedures

Set forth below are the bid procedures (the "Bid Procedures" or "Bidding Process") to be used with respect to the prospective sale (the "Sale") of substantially all of the assets (the "Property") owned by Ark Laboratory, LLC (the "Debtor"). The Debtor will seek entry of an order from the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and approving the Sale of the Property to the Qualified Bidder (as hereinafter defined) that the Debtor determines to have made the highest or otherwise best offer to purchase the Property (the "Successful Bidder") in the exercise of their business judgment, and after consultation with its legal and financial advisors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Creditors' Committee").

Assets to be Sold

The Debtor is offering for sale the Property as more fully described in the Asset Purchase Agreement dated June 22, 2023 (the "Agreement") with Auxo Investment Partners, LLC (the "Stalking Horse").

Excluded Assets

The proposed sale includes only the Property as described in the Agreement. All other assets of the Debtor (collectively, the "Excluded Assets"), will remain part of the bankruptcy estate and in all likelihood be liquidated in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and Rules, any approved Plan of Reorganization or Liquidation, further motion to sell those Excluded Assets, and the further orders of the Court.

The Bidding Process

Participation Requirements

To participate in the Bidding Process, each person (a "Potential Bidder") must deliver to the Debtor no later than July 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing time), an executed Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtors, which such Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement shall be substantially the same as the Confidentiality Agreement (as defined in the Agreement) in all material respects (collectively, the "NDA"). At the same time that the Potential Bidder executes the NDA, the Debtor shall allow the Potential Bidder to conduct due diligence with respect to the Property sought to be acquired as hereinafter provided.

Due Diligence

The Debtor shall immediately afford each Potential Bidder due diligence access to the Property, including, but not limited to, access to any data room set up for Potential Bidders. The Debtor will designate a representative to coordinate all reasonable requests for additional due diligence from such bidders. Potential Bidders will have the opportunity to review such due diligence at a location designated by the Debtor. Neither the Debtor nor any of its representatives are obligated to furnish any information relating to the Property to any person except to a Potential Bidder under this Bidding Process. Bidders are advised to exercise their own discretion before relying on any information regarding the Property provided by anyone other than the Debtor or its representatives.

Bid Deadline

A Potential Bidder that desires to make a bid shall deliver a written copy of its bid to Debtor and Debtor's counsel, not later than July 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (the "Bid Deadline") via email at bbassel@gmail.com (other than the Deposit referenced below), and contemporaneously distribute copies of the bids via email to (i) the United States Trustee, Ronna.G.Jackson@usdoj.gov; (ii) counsel to the Creditors' Committee, jgmiller@taftlaw.com and rkruger@taftlaw.com; and (iii) counsel for the Stalking Horse, wolfordr@millerjohnson.com. The Stalking Horse, having already submitted a bid in the form of its entry into the Agreement, shall not be required to submit a bid, but may submit an additional bid in response to the bid of any other Potential Bidder on or before the Bid Deadline. To the extent the Stalking Horse submits an additional bid in response to the bid of any other Potential Bidder, the Debtor shall share the terms of such additional bid of

the Stalking Horse with other Potential Bidders and the Creditors' Committee. The Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, may extend the Bid Deadline once or successively, but is not obligated to do so.

Bid Requirements

All bids must include the following documents (the "Required Bid Documents"):

- A letter stating that the bidder's offer is irrevocable until 30 days after the Sale Hearing, currently scheduled for August 3, 2023, and that the Bidder agrees to be bound by such offer if its bid is the Back Up Bid, as defined herein, until such 30- day period has passed;
- An executed copy of an asset purchase agreement in a form substantially the same as the Agreement. Any changes to the Agreement or to the proposed structure of the transaction must be (a) made to and marked on such form of agreement or otherwise provided in writing as part of the Required Bid Documents and (b) agreed to by the Debtor. The asset purchase agreement must set forth a cash bid at least \$200,000 in excess of the Purchase Price, as defined in the Agreement, cannot contain any consideration other than cash and assumption of liabilities of the Debtor, and shall not be subject to any financing or other conditions not set forth in the Agreement.
- A good faith deposit (the "<u>Deposit</u>") in the form of a cashier's check or wire transfer (or other form acceptable to the Debtor in its sole discretion) payable to the order of the Debtor's Bankruptcy Estate, '% its financial advisor, O'Keefe & Associates, (or such other party as the Debtors may designate) in the amount of \$200,000.
- Written evidence of a commitment for financing or other evidence of ability to consummate the proposed transaction satisfactory to the Debtor, after consultation with the Creditors' Committee.
- Written acknowledgment that the bid is not subject to due diligence review, board approval, obtaining financing, or the receipt of any non-governmental consents.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Potential Bidder may submit a proposal for an alternative transaction that includes economic terms that would enable the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, to make a meaningful comparison of such bid with other Qualified Bids.

After reviewing all of the materials required above, the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, shall determine, and shall notify the Potential Bidder whether it is a Qualified Bidder. The Debtor shall notify a Potential Bidder if it is a Qualified Bidder by 11:59 p.m., July 28, 2023.

A Potential Bidder that timely delivers the Required Bid Documents, whose financial information demonstrates the financial capability of the Potential Bidder to consummate the Sale, has submitted a bona fide offer, and that the Debtor, after consultation with the Creditors' Committee, determines (based on availability of financing, experience and other considerations) to be able to consummate the Sale if selected as the Successful Bidder is deemed to be a "Qualified Bidder." The Stalking Horse shall automatically be considered as a Qualified Bidder by reason of its willingness to act as a stalking horse bidder in connection with the Bidding Process. If the Debtor wishes to disqualify any Potential Bidder who otherwise timely submits an NDA and the Required Bid Documents, the Debtors shall first consult with the Creditors' Committee.

The Debtor will consider a bid only if the bid is on terms acceptable to the Debtor, and the Creditors' Committee, and not conditioned on other conditions unacceptable to the Debtors, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee. A bid received from a Qualified Bidder that includes all of the Required Bid Documents and meets all of the above requirements is a "Qualified Bid."

The Auction and Sale Hearing

After all Qualified Bids have been received, the Debtor intends to conduct an auction (the "Auction") with respect to the Property if a Qualified Bid other than that of Stalking Horse has been received. The Auction shall take place at the July 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Miller Johnson, 500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 2800, Detroit, MI 48226, or, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, such later time or other place as the Debtor shall notify all Qualified Bidders who have submitted Qualified Bids. The Auction shall be conducted in the presence of a certified court reporter, who shall transcribe the proceedings for purposes of creating and preserving a record of the Auction. Only the Stalking Horse and any other Qualified Bidders who have submitted the Required Bid Documents in form and substance satisfactory to the Debtor by the Bid Deadline will be eligible to participate in the Auction as bidders and all Qualified Bidders must have an authorized representative present at the Auction. However, the Creditors' Committee, and the Office of the United States Trustee, or counsel for any of the aforementioned parties are authorized to attend the Auction and participate in the process, if desired.

Based upon the terms of the Qualified Bids received, the level of interest expressed as to the Property, and such other information as the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, determines is relevant, the Debtor, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, will conduct the Auction in the manner they determine will result in the highest or otherwise best offer for the Property. If there is not a timely Qualified Bidder other than the Stalking Horse, no auction shall be conducted and the Stalking Horse shall be deemed the Successful Bidder.

All bids at the Auction must satisfy the requirements for a Qualified Bid.

Upon the Auction's conclusion, the Debtor, in consultation with its advisors and representatives of the Creditors' Committee, shall (i) review each Qualified Bid on the basis of financial and contractual terms and the factors relevant to the sale process, including those factors affecting the speed and certainty of consummating the sale, and (ii) identify the highest and otherwise best offer (the "Successful Bid"). At the Sale Hearing, the Debtor shall present the Successful Bid to the Court for approval.

Post Sale Hearing Procedures

Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to return of their earnest money deposit within 30 days of the Sale Hearing. If the Successful Bidder fails to consummate the transaction by the Closing Date, as defined in the Agreement, the Debtors shall (i) retain such bidder's earnest money deposit; and (ii) be free to consummate the proposed sale of the Property with the next highest and best bidder (the "Back Up Bidder") at the final price bid by the Back Up Bidder at the Auction (the "Back Up Bid") (or, if that competing bidder is unable to consummate the purchase of the Property at that price, then the Debtor shall retain the Back Up Bidder's earnest money deposit and them may consummate the transaction with the next highest and best competing bidder, and so forth) without the need for an additional hearing or order of the Court. The Debtor shall, upon conclusion of the Auction and in consultation the Creditors' Committee, rank the Qualified Bids in order of its determination of the highest and best Qualified Bids. The Successful Bid shall be ranked first, the Back Up Bid shall be ranked second, and any other Qualified Bids shall be ranked in order of preference by the Debtor, after consultation with the Creditors' Committee, as the next highest and best Qualified Bids. Additionally, Qualified Bidders, including, but not limited to, the Stalking Horse Bidder, shall be required to keep their offer open until 30 days after the Sale Hearing in the event they are the Back-Up Bidder.

Summary Timeline of Critical Events

Event	Date	Action Required/Requested
Sale Procedures	June 29, 2023	Court enters Sale Procedures Order
Sale Notice Service Deadline	June 30, 2023	Deadline for Debtor to provide notice of sale
Objection Deadline	July 27, 2023	Deadline for any party to object to the sale
Potential Bid Package Deadline	July 28 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing time)	Deadline to submit Deposit and materials required to qualify as bidder
Auction Date	July 31, 2023	Auction Sale held at offices of Miller Johnson in Detroit, Michigan
Sale Hearing	August 3, 2023	Court Approves Sale
Closing Date	August 4, 2023	Sale Closes